## **SUMMARY ANALYSIS OF AMENDED BILL**

## **Franchise Tax Board**

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Related Bills: See Prior Analysis	Telephone	e: <u>845-3627</u>	Amended Date: <u>07-02-99</u>	
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SUBJECT: Taxpayer Protection And Rights/Claims For Reimbursement Of Fees And Expenses				
DEPARTMENT AMENDMENTS Ar introduced/amended			•	
AMENDMENTS IMPACT REVENU		•		
AMENDMENTS DID NOT RESOLVE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS stated in the previous analysis of bill as introduced/amended				
FURTHER AMENDMENTS NECESSARY.				
X DEPARTMENT POSITION CHANGED TO neutral.				
X REMAINDER OF PREVIOUS ANALYSIS OF BILL AS INTRODUCED February 3, 1999, STILL APPLIES.				
OTHER - See comments below.				
SUMMARY OF BILL				
This bill would provide an oral hearing before the Board of Equalization (BOE) for taxpayers that file a claim for reimbursement of fees and expenses incurred related to a hearing before the BOE. This bill would provide that taxpayers may be reimbursed for fees and expenses related to an appeals conference before BOE appeals staff. This bill also would include fees and expenses incurred at the oral hearing or appeals conference in the amount that may be reimbursed. This analysis will discuss only appeals relating to actions of the Franchise Tax Board (FTB).				
SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT				
The July 2, 1999, amendment clarified that this bill would be operative for fees and expenses related to appeals filed on or after January 1, 2000. The amendments also added the provisions regarding appeals conference before BOE appeals staff.				
As a result of the amendment, the policy and implementation considerations identified in the department's analysis of SB 299 as introduced February 3, 1999, no longer apply.				
Except for the discussion of this analysis, the department's analysis of SB 299 as introduced February 3, 1999, still applies.				
BOARD POSITION				
Neutral.				
At its March 23, 1999, meeting, the Franchise Tax Board voted 2-0 to take a neutral position on this bill as introduced February 3, 1999.				
Board Position:         S         NA           SA         O           X_ N         OUA		NP NAR PENDING	Department/Legislative Director Date  Johnnie Lou Rosas 7/14/1999	

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